

Reading School

Careers Bulletin



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Welcome to our Reading School Careers Bulletin where we will share with students and parents information about careers through the Headmaster's Weekly Message, highlighting opportunities available to our students.

Overview

Our objective is to deliver independent careers advice to our students so that they can make informed choices to achieve their aims and ultimately achieve their ambitions. Advice and guidance is available throughout the year via our Careers Advisor, Clare Desai a fully qualified, experienced careers adviser who holds the QCF Level 6 Qualification in Careers Guidance. Clare has 10 years of experience of working with Students and has spent the last 8 years in Berkshire schools, helping students to achieve their ambitions.

Together with online resources listed over the page as well as an extensive careers section located in the LRC there will be specific advice throughout the academic year relevant to each Key Stage. All years are encouraged to visit the Careers Library, especially when choosing GCSE, A Level options, and Higher Education Courses.

Focus

- Strong school leadership is crucial to raising the aspirations of all our students, therefore encouraging them to overcome barriers to success and to do what it takes to fulfill their potential.
 - Through Student Leadership Programme
- Provide contacts with employers, mentors and coaches who can inspire pupils with a sense of what they can achieve and help them understand how to make this a reality.
 - Inspire Lectures
 - Reading School Network
- Provide careers advice and guidance both individually at key stages through school whilst also embedding through Student Leadership.
 - Independent Careers advice
- Provide an access to a range of activities to inspire our students
 - Through Careers Convention
 - Employer talks
 - University visits
- Understanding the value of work placements and community service
 - Volunteering with the Future Stories programme
- Online tools to encourage students to think about opportunities available

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For careers advice and guidance or to discuss career pathways you are encouraged to book an appointment with Mrs. Desai on Tuesdays and Thursdays held in school through rscareers.simplybook

Appointments will ideally be structured termly for the year groups as below:

Y12 & Y13 Michaelmas term

Y11 & Y10 Lent term

Y9 & Y8 Summer term

Upcoming Events

Year 7 Expectations Evening
2 November 2017

Careers Convention Y11 Pupils only
19 October 2017 (18.00 to 21.00)
Joint event at Kendrick School
Design Your Future Event

Y11 – Bring your child to work day
Monday 29 January 2018

Y12 - Work Placement Week
Monday 2 to Friday 6 July 2018

More Important News

External Opportunities:

The following are examples of opportunities that providers and employers have highlighted to Reading School which we will continue to share with students.

Meteorology and Environmental Physics Work Experience Programme 2018 - Registration is Now Open!

The Department of Meteorology, in collaboration with the UK Met Office and the European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting have developed a Work Experience Programme aimed at **KS4 and KS5 students**, who have an interest in science and in maths and physics in particular.

The programme is designed to provide an opportunity for these students to find out about the expanding subject of weather and climate research in addition to the broader field of environmental physics and the variety of careers available in these fields. During the programme they will gain experience of what it is like to work in these disciplines as well as an idea of student life at the University of Reading.

The four day programme will take place from **13-16 February 2018**. It is free of charge and non-residential, although accommodation can be booked at our campus hotel, The Cedars <http://www.reading.ac.uk/venue-reading/Sleep/vr-cedars-hotel.aspx>

All participants are covered by The University's public liability insurance and all activities are risk assessed (please see the attached risk assessment). [Registration](#) for your KS4 and KS5 students who are interested in science.

Please note that, in order to benefit from the programme, it is essential that applicants are taking maths and either combined sciences or physics. Geography is a good additional subject, but not essential.

Further information about the programme can be found here <http://www.met.reading.ac.uk/outreach/resources.html>

Work Experience at the BP International Centre for Business & Technology 2017/18

As you all may be aware we offer one week unpaid placements and priority is given to students who attend our link schools but we also welcome applications from all students in Years 9–13. We are now accepting applications for the 2018 programme and it would be great if you share the link to the 'Expression of Interest form' with any interested students. Applications for the 2017/2018 academic year **will close on 31 December 2017**, with all applicants being informed whether they have been successful by the end of March 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Link to the Expression of Interest form <http://bps.bp.com/shLnk/apply/>

Application guidance e to share with students:

Before completing the form, please take a look at our website ([www.bp.com] www.bp.com) for further information about our activities. You should also look at <https://www.plotr.co.uk/employers/bp> where you will find a lot of information about careers within BP. Please do take the time to look at plotr to identify the sort of career or work that you are considering for the future. For example, requests for experience in 'Exploration and Production' are less likely to be viewed favourably by potential managers as this covers a huge range of employment opportunities, please try to be more specific with areas such as 'Geology' or 'Finance'.



Online Careers Resources

Fast Tomato

<https://www.fasttomato.com/>

Higher Ideas

Higher Ideas SharePoint

JOIN US ON...

PATHWAYS TO LAW – UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

This is an exciting two year programme for A Level students considering studying law at university. The programme is completely free, including a bursary towards travel costs. It provides a wide variety of sessions on law, work experience and trips along with university admission support.

Eligibility:

- Attend a state school or college
- Live in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Swindon or Milton Keynes
- Have achieved at least 5 As at GCSE
- Be either the 1st generation in their family to attend university or have been eligible for Free School Meals in secondary school.
- Deadline for application is: **Friday 6 October 2017**

More information is available at www.apply.suttontrust.com/pathways-2017

Apprenticeship Event at Bracknell and Wokingham College Apprenticeship Open Event Saturday 14th October from 10-2pm

For students who wish to find out more about Apprenticeships after GCSEs . We will be holding 2 x apprenticeship specific talks at 11am and 12.30pm and will be providing assistance and advice regarding how to register, how to apply, and the types of apprenticeship that are available both from a career and qualification level. Further details at can be found at: <http://www.bracknell.ac.uk/the-college/events/2017/10/14/default-calendar/open-event---october-14th-2017>

Veterinary Medicine

The deadline for veterinary medicine applications and **work experience form submissions is 15 October 2017 at 6pm**. The Royal Veterinary College is now accepting applications from students for their veterinary courses, starting in September 2018. The college is hosting open house events where students and parents can have a tour of the campus and speak with current students and academic staff. These are happening on: **Saturday 7th October and Sunday 29th October** and are free, booking is on line.

They are also hosting an “Animal CSI: What, how, when?” event at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, where visitors can dive into the worlds of pathology for an evening of “mystery and intrigue” including a live streamed dissection from the Royal Veterinary College’s laboratory and hands on experiments and activities. This takes place on **Wednesday 11 October: 6:30pm – 10:00PM**

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/business/training-and-placements/student-placements>

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/search/news-events?q=Animal+CSI%3a+What%2c+how%2c+when>

The BMJ Careers Fair 2017 at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London 20-21 October 2017

Whatever your grade and specialty, our event has a lot to offer. As well as courses covering CV writing, interview skills, career planning and much more, delegates can also visit exhibition stands to receive careers advice, find a new job and identify alternative career pathways. Our programme has something for every career stage. Further details can be found at <https://careersfair.bmj.com/>

Accountancy Insight Day
24 October 2017 from 9:30-4pm

First Intuition is holding a free “Accountant for a Day “ this October half term for Year 12 & 13 students interested in exploring opportunities within accounting, business and finance.

Our Insight day will help students experience what it’s like to be an accountant. It includes an introduction in accounting, a business game as well as the opportunity to speak to current students and local employers.

One route into business and finance is via an apprenticeship in accounting. This is a great alternative to going to University. An apprenticeship lets you learn on the job, develop knowledge and skills, gain an AAT accounting qualification and earn money – all at the same time. Many of First Intuitions clients regularly take on school leavers and are keen to meet local students who are considering an accounting apprenticeship. To find out more information please refer to: www.readingfi.com also visit <http://thegatewayonline.com/accounting/insight-days>

Medic Mentor HealthCare Careers Event
18 & 19 November 2017

UK’S LARGEST HEALTHCARE CAREERS EVENT With over 30 conferences at 5 locations across the UK on the same weekend! Over 800 healthcare professionals teaching 2000 aspiring students from 800 schools! Suitable for students in year 10-12. Parents and teachers are also welcome. Find further information and how to register here: <http://medicmentor.co.uk/national-medic-mentor-weekend/>

Skills London 2017 - The UK’s biggest jobs and careers Event at ExCel London
24 & 25 November from 09.30 to 4pm

Brought to you by London First and delivered with Prospects, Skills London is the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15-24 year olds and their families taking place on 24-25 November at ExCeL London. The event attracts over 30,000 visitors and 200 exhibitors including top employers, colleges, training providers and advisers. This two day event provides visitors with the opportunity to discover careers through interactive, inspirational activities and demonstrations, and helps young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a career.

Further details can be found at <http://www.skillslondon.co.uk/>

Friday 8 December 2017 - CityLawLive

Is a full-day, full-immersion exercise in ensuring that you are the type of candidate who has the knowledge, connections and technique to win a training contract at a top firm. You will meet and interact with lawyers and recruiters, hear their stories and advice, and gain a unique insight into how the business of law really runs.

Selection for the event is a competitive process, just like getting a training contract. Receiving an invitation to attend shows that you are on the right track.

Find out more and apply at www.citylawlive.com

NOTE: Where appropriate the School **can** confirm that a student is a pupil at Reading School if this is required as part of a placement.

We **cannot endorse** any individual placements which pupils organise directly in terms of risk assessments, disclaimers or insurance waivers.